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THE LAW OF EXPERT AND OPINION EVIDENCE, Reduced to Rules, with Illustrations from Adjudged Cases. By John D. Lawson, LL. D. Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged. Chicago: T. H. Flood & Company; 1900.

The first edition of this work has been before the profession for nearly twenty years, and has long been regarded as the standard on the important subject of which it treats. The plan of the work is unique, with the exception of the author's companion volume on Presumptive Evidence (reviewed in 5 Va. Law Register 650)—embodying, as it does, the law of the subject in the form of rules, each carefully and tersely formulated, illustrated by examples and fortified by the citation of abundant authority.

The second edition brings the subject down to date, and contains a table of cases indicating where each rule of the text of the former edition has been cited with judicial approval.

The book exhibits every modern device for easy reference, and its mechanical appearance is extremely handsome.

HANDBOOK OF THE LAW OF BILLS AND NOTES. By Charles P. Norton, Lecturer on Bills and Notes in the Buffalo Law School. Third Edition, with an Appendix Containing the Negotiable Instruments Law. By Francis B. Tiffany. St. Paul, Minn.: West Publishing Co.; 1900. One volume, pp. 553; \$3.75.

This is one of the best of the famous Hornbook Series, of which there are more than twenty volumes, on as many subjects, issued by the West Publishing Company. Mr. Tiffany has added much new matter, with new mechanical devices which enhance the value of the work. The addition of references to the Negotiable Instruments Law, and the publication of that law as an appendix, renders the volume particularly acceptable to students and practitioners in those States which have adopted the Negotiable Instruments Law.

REPORT OF THE TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, Held at Hotel Chamberlin, Fort Monroe, Va., July 17, 18 and 19, 1900. Edited by Eugene C. Massie, Secretary. Richmond: John T. West, Printer.

Mr. Massie, the efficient secretary of the Virginia State Bar Association, is to be congratulated upon the handsome appearance of Volume XIII of the Reports of the Association.

There are now 423 active and 43 honorary members of the Association, and it was never in so flourishing a condition.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, On Twenty-five of the Most Important Legal Subjects, Designed Especially for Law Students in Review Work and in Preparation for Examination for Degrees in Law Colleges or for Admission to the Bar. Second Edition. By Wilber A. Owen, LL. M., of the Toledo, Ohio, Bar. St. Paul: West Publishing Company; 1900.

The purpose of this volume is expressed in its title-page. It is excellent as a book of its kind. Every answer is sustained by reference to some leading textbook. Properly used, merely for review or to test one's knowledge of a subject, such books may be extremely helpful. The danger is, however, that the indolent student will use them as he used "ponies" in dragging through the classics, relying upon them as his only source of information.